

for approximately 40 years, including 13 years at Saint Richard School where she currently teaches third grade. She has proven herself a wonderful teacher, colleague and friend. Not only does she teach at Saint Richard School, but she also makes a tremendous contribution as member of the Liturgy Committee, a Eucharistic Minister, a Praxis Pathwise Mentor, and a member of the Retreat Committee.

Likewise, her services to Saint Clarence Church as RCIA Leader, Eucharistic Minister, PSR Teacher and Pre-Cana organizer while at the same time raising three beautiful children, is truly admirable. She has been married to her beloved husband, Patrick, for 30 years.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring Catherine Bohan for her long and successful career as an educator and for her dedication to and care for the future generations of Northeast Ohio.

HONORING VIRGINIA HINSHAW OF  
DAVIS, CALIFORNIA

**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 12, 2007*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding work of Virginia Hinshaw during her time as Provost and Executive Vice-Chancellor at the University of California, Davis. In this role, Dr. Hinshaw has provided superb guidance to the ongoing development and refinement of the University's academic program while overseeing many aspects of campus financial and operational planning. Dr. Hinshaw has made significant contributions to the UC Davis Community and she will be missed as she continues her career as Chancellor at the University of Hawaii at Manoa.

Dr. Hinshaw received her Bachelor's and Master's degrees from the University of Auburn in 1966 and 1967, before working as a clinical microbiologist at the Medical College of Virginia. She returned to Auburn and received her Ph.D. in microbiology in 1973. She spent the next decade studying influenza viruses in humans, other mammals, and particularly migratory birds. She has studied the markers of transmission for individual viruses, and conducted early research on identifying markers of interspecies transmission of these viruses.

In 1985 Dr. Hinshaw was hired as an associate professor at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, where she was recognized with a number of awards honoring her unusually vibrant teaching and participation in the larger community of Madison. After promotion to professor in 1988, she served first as an Associate Dean for Research before being appointed Associate Vice-Chancellor in 1994. In 1995 she was promoted to Vice Chancellor for Research, and she was in charge of research and graduate education, overseeing thousands of students.

Dr. Hinshaw arrived at UC Davis in 2001, and has directed a wide variety of programs and departments during her time there. As sole member of the governing body of the UC Davis health system, she has helped direct the continued development of programs at the UC Davis Medical Center while also ensuring that it has remained financially sound. In addition, the medical school has opened a number of new facilities during her tenure. Her work on campus has been visible through the replacement of temporary classroom buildings

with more permanent facilities, including increasing the number of teaching labs for undergraduates.

In addition to her accomplishments as an administrator, Dr. Hinshaw is well known around the university for providing a personal touch to the administration. Many people have commented on her empathy and interest in working with individuals to help resolve their problems, and each year she took the additional step of teaching a freshman seminar where she could engage younger students.

Madam Speaker, it is appropriate at this time that we recognize Dr. Virginia Hinshaw for her leadership and vision during her time as Provost and Vice-Chancellor at UC Davis. Her work has led the development of the university in many different areas, and even as she moves on, her work will continue to yield great rewards for the community.

TRIBUTE TO BRENDA J. LUSSIER

**HON. THADDEUS G. McCOTTER**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 12, 2007*

Mr. McCOTTER. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor and acknowledge Brenda J. Lussier, as she retires from a distinguished career at the Novi Public Library in Novi, Michigan.

For twenty seven years, Brenda has tirelessly worked to improve our community with enhanced library services. Prior to working at the Novi Public Library, she graduated from the University of Michigan where she earned a Bachelor's degree in English and a Master's Degree in Library Science. On September 24, 1979, Brenda began working at Novi Public Library as Head of Reference, and later ascended to Director on April 8, 1985. She is a member of the American Library Association and the Michigan Library Association, and participated in the Michigan Library Association Leadership Academy from 1989 to 1991.

Brenda is credited with enhancing the quality of life in Novi by expanding library services in innovative ways. During her tenure, she served on various committees of The Library Network, including the Steering Committee. She also served on various committees of the Michigan Library Association, such as Chairwoman of the Public Library Division and the Management and Administration Division. As a member of the Novi Rotary Club, Brenda compiled the club newsletter for several years and was presented with the Paul Harris Fellowship Award in 2003 for her distinguished service. She has also received a national award for Intellectual Freedom from the Public Library Association and Novi's People's Choice Award in 2002 as the "best librarian for her grace, leadership, and commitment to public service under a barrage of demands from the information-hungry in Novi."

Madam Speaker, Brenda is a compassionate leader and visionary who's passion for excellence and support for a robust library system has positively impacted our Novi Community. Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking Brenda for twenty seven years of loyalty and dedication to the Novi Public Library, and in applauding her legendary service to our community and our country.

RECOGNIZING CATHOLIC HEALTH SYSTEM HOME CARE UPON BEING NAMED CHEEKTOWAGA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 2007 LARGE BUSINESS OF THE YEAR

**HON. BRIAN HIGGINS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 12, 2007*

Mr. HIGGINS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate Catholic Health Systems Home Care as the 41st recipient of the Cheektowaga Chamber of Commerce's Large Business of the Year award. Catholic Health Systems Home Care has maintained a commitment to providing superb health care assistance, both physical and spiritual, for residents of Western New York over the past 20 years.

During these 20 years of caring for the Western New York community, Catholic Health System Home Care has grown into three thriving companies dedicated to meeting the company's fundamental goal of providing health care that allows individuals to maintain independence in their own homes.

Not only has the Catholic Health Care Systems improved the physical and spiritual well-being of Western New Yorkers, it also provides jobs to over 400 residents and supports community events such as school supply drives, assisting the American Red Cross Blood Drive, and participating in the United Way Day of Caring, demonstrating an outstanding commitment to the Western New York community.

Catholic Health System Home Care's dedication to excellence can be seen in its many other honors, such as the Catholic Health Association Sharing Innovation Award, IPRO "Recognized Improvement in Patient Outcomes," and Outcome Concept System Vision Award. Catholic Health System Home Care had also been recognized by Business First as one of the best places to work in Western New York.

Madam Speaker, I stand here today to recognize with pride the accomplishments of Catholic Health System Home Care as a leader in providing care to the residents of Western New York.

SUPPORTING H.R. 811, VOTE CONFIDENCE AND INCREASED ACCESSIBILITY ACT

**HON. JOE SESTAK**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 12, 2007*

Mr. SESTAK. Madam Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.R. 811, the Voter Confidence and Increased Accessibility Act. This is an excellent, and much needed piece of legislation.

The right to vote is no doubt one of the cornerstones of our democracy, if not its greatest measurement. Through casting a vote, the voice of the people is made manifest in one simple, single act. President Johnson thought so highly of voting that he was quoted as saying it was "the most powerful instrument ever devised by man." Consequently, every effort must be utilized to ensure this process is as efficient and as fail proof as it possibly can be.

The 2000 elections undermined the confidence of voters as the saga of counting ballots and tallying votes lingered for months. As a result, the call for election reform implemented the Help America Vote Act (HAVA), which provided funding for election administration and electronic voting machines. This act was a giant step in the right direction of assuring voter security, and voter confidence.

However, the elections of 2004 exposed once again a call for further action. An estimated 50 million voters cast their ballots on the electronic voter machines that lacked a voter-verified paper audit trail. This leaves no mechanism to verify or resolve reported voter tallies. Simply put, this is unacceptable.

Madam Speaker—H.R. 811 takes aim at resolving this very problem. It mandates an independent audit mechanism, which means that every voter will verify on a permanent paper ballot his or her vote. And in order to ensure this is carried out in the right manner, this bill provides necessary funding and oversight.

With another Presidential election on the horizon, it is vitally important that we restore the confidence of voters across this nation. Every citizen must be heard, and thus their every vote must be recorded. I urge my colleagues to support this bill and ensure that the voice of Americans is never again placed in doubt.

#### HONORING THE SERVICE AND EXAMPLE OF CAPTAIN ROBERT E. CLARK

#### HON. JOSEPH R. PITTS

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 12, 2007*

Mr. PITTS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Robert E. Clark, a decorated Captain in the United States Navy, and native of the 16th Congressional District of Pennsylvania.

At a commencement ceremony later today, Captain Clark will be inducted into West Chester East High School's Hall of Fame—a deserving honor for a devoted servant of our great Nation. While a student at East High School, Clark was a scholar athlete—maintaining excellent grades while lettering in football, basketball, and track.

After graduation, Clark went on to attend the United States Naval Academy—the first graduate of West Chester East ever to do so. Since graduating from Annapolis, Clark has honorably served his country as an officer in the Navy's submarine fleet.

He has received several personal decorations for his distinguished service, including the prestigious Legion of Merit.

I thank Captain Clark for his selfless service to our Nation, and I congratulate him on his well-earned induction into West Chester East's Hall of Fame. He has set a fine example for our next generation of young leaders to follow.

#### CELEBRATING 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CHEMICAL ABSTRACTS SERVICE (CAS)

#### HON. DEBORAH PRYCE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 12, 2007*

Ms. PRYCE of Ohio. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Chemical Abstracts Service, an American scientific institution and world's largest compendium of information on chemical substances.

Located in Columbus, Ohio, adjacent to the campus of Ohio State University, what is now called Chemical Abstracts Service, or "CAS" as it is popularly known, was founded in 1907 when a collaboration of leading chemists partnered with the American Chemical Society to begin publishing a new journal called Chemical Abstracts.

One hundred years later, Chemical Abstracts is recognized around the world as a leading source of indexed scientific literature and contains more than 27 million bibliographic records related to the chemical sciences. Its sister resource, the CAS Registry, comprises more than 32 million unique entries for chemical substances. These two massive and integrated databases, along with a wealth of related resources on chemistry and chemical reactions, form the backbone of today's Chemical Abstract Service. Scientists, information professionals, and academicians around the world access these databases daily through online services that have revolutionized the way scientists conduct research.

Speaking of the value of CAS services, 2005 Nobel Laureate in chemistry, Dr. Robert Grubbs, said, "CAS databases streamline the investigative process, allowing you to take an idea and rapidly find the important and necessary information before you forget about the idea or it loses its excitement. That really is invaluable."

This year CAS celebrates its 100th anniversary as a strong, vibrant national scientific treasure: fully electronic, web-enabled, and still growing every day. This month, CAS is being designated a National Historic Chemical Landmark and it is my honor to recognize this great scientific institution and wish CAS good luck for its next 100 years.

#### HONORING THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LETTER CARRIERS FOR THE STAMP OUT HUNGER FOOD DRIVE

#### HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 12, 2007*

Mr. HIGGINS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Buffalo and Western New York letter carriers who are part of the National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC).

This month, NALC collected more than 70 million pounds of food for local food banks, pantries, and shelters to help needy families as part of its nationwide "Stamp Out Hunger" drive. I would like to specifically recognize the Branch 3 carriers in Buffalo and Western New York for collecting more than 2 million pounds

of donations, placing them as the top NALC local branch in the drive for the fifth consecutive year.

With one in five American children living in poverty, we must all do our part to end hunger. I am proud of the efforts that these hard-working men and women have taken to better their community and I ask that all Americans join in the effort to stamp out hunger.

#### TRIBUTE TO MR. RHYS LEWIS

#### HON. THADDEUS G. McCOTTER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 12, 2007*

Mr. McCOTTER. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor and acknowledge Mr. Rhys Lewis upon his receipt of the Wayne 11th Congressional District Republican Committee's 2007 Lifetime Achievement Award.

Throughout nearly seven decades, Mr. Lewis has served our nation with distinction. As a United States Marine Corps Sergeant, he defended our liberty in the South Pacific during World War II before returning home and marrying Ruth M. Lewis in 1947. Then, in 1958, Rhys was elected a Republican precinct delegate and, ultimately, a Redford Charter Township Trustee. In addition to his loyal public service, Mr. Lewis has been Chairman of Redford Civil Affairs and of the Wayne 17th Congressional District Republicans.

Rhys is a pillar of the Michigan Republican party, who has served on the Michigan GOP State Committee for eight years and in the Redford Republican party as for a decade. As a result of his loyalty to liberty and courage of his convictions, Rhys has enriched the lives of others and established a honorable legacy of courage, leadership and service.

Madam Speaker, in recognition of his legendary contributions to the Michigan Republican party and of his lifetime of extraordinary achievements, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Mr. Rhys Lewis for his tireless service to our community and our country.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. JOSEPH CROWLEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 12, 2007*

Mr. CROWLEY. Madam Speaker, due to inclement weather, my flight to Washington, D.C. was delayed, and I regrettably missed rollcall votes 448–450. Had I been present, I would have voted in the following manner: rollcall No. 448, "yea;" rollcall No. 449, "yea;" rollcall No. 450, "yea."

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 12, 2007*

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I regret that I was unavoidably absent yesterday afternoon, June 11, on very urgent business. Had I been present for the three votes which occurred yesterday evening, I would have